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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/695,065; Filed: October 25, 2000
For: **Methods of Manipulating and Sequencing Nucleic Acid
Molecules Using Transposition and Recombination**
Inventors: Brasch *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5000001/RWE/BJD

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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In reply to the Office Action dated May 24, 2001, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group V, represented by claims 14-20 and 27. This election is made without traverse, and without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the remaining non-elected groups in one or more continuing applications.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

It is respectfully believed that the present application is in condition for immediate examination on the merits. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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